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#### COUPON

Fill out last line of verse below, also answer questions and sign Name and Address

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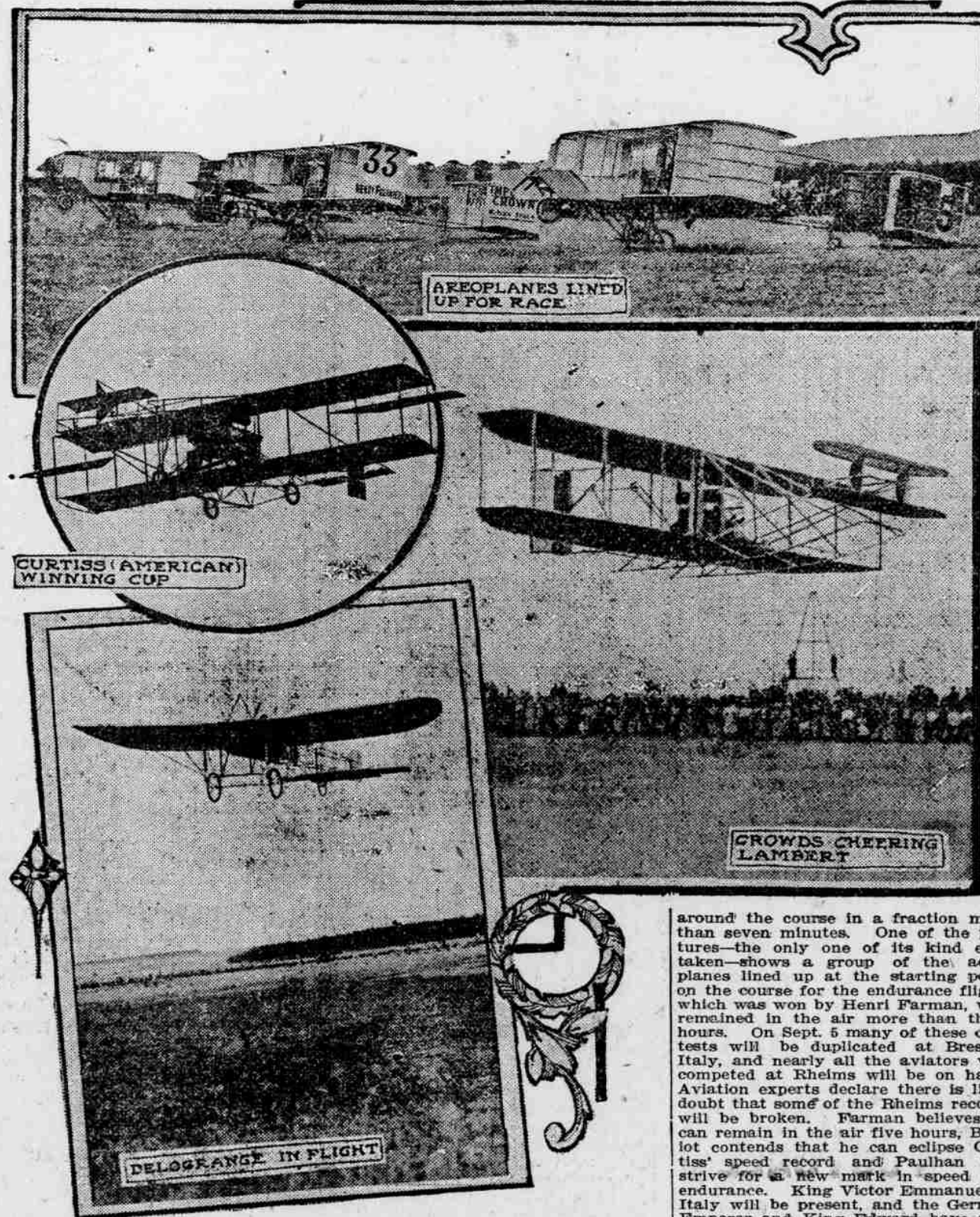
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shattered. The photographs were taken on the day that Glenn H. Curtiss, the American, wrested the speed championship from Bleriot after the latter had made his dare-devil dash

around the course in a fraction more than seven minutes. One of the pictures—the only one of its kind ever taken—shows a group of the aeroplanes lined up at the starting point on the course for the endurance flight, which was won by Henri Farman, who remained in the air more than three hours. On Sept. 5 many of these contests will be duplicated at Brescia, Italy, and nearly all the aviators who competed at Rheims will be on hand. Aviation experts declare there is little doubt that some of the Rheims records will be broken. Farman believes he can remain in the air five hours. Bleriot contends that he can eclipse Curtiss' speed record and Paulhan will strive for a new mark in speed and endurance. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy will be present, and the German Emperor and King Edward have sent army representatives to Brescia to view the contests. Meanwhile Orville Wright is in Germany with his machine and will endeavor to show its superiority over all the foreign machines that competed at Rheims.

## A WOMAN'S ENCHANTMENT

By William Le Queux

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(Continued.)

There was something about the boy's manner which had aroused my curiosity.

"It's private business, sir."

"You've told me that already. Come, now, tell me why you wish to see him. I shall be with him presently and will inform him."

The lad hesitated; then, with downcast eyes, admitted in a sheepish voice:

"I did wrong this morning, sir, and—I want to give him back his money."

"His money? Did he give you money, then?" I asked.

"Yes, sir. You remember I brought you a telegram," the lad said. "Well, after I'd gone down the drive and was just turning out of the gate, I heard somebody shout after me. It was the gentleman. I dismounted and he hurried up to me, saying that if I could scribble a copy of the message you received when I got back to the office he'd give me a sovereign. I didn't believe there was any harm in taking the tip, though at dinner time, when I told my mother, she made me promise to see the gentleman and give him the money back."

"What! Then he went to Parnham with you?"

"No, sir; he walked half-way, and sat down and waited till I got back. I rode on, and getting to the office I noticed the missus out of the way and looked at the duplicate of the message. It was an address, wasn't it?"

"Yes; it was!" I gasped. "And did you give it to that gentleman?"

"Yes, sir; I rode back to the spot close to Howe, where he was waiting for me, and he gave me this sovereign in exchange for it," and he exhibited the coin in the palm of his hand.

"Then the postmistress is in ignorance, eh?"

"Yes, sir. If she knew I'd get the sack."

"Yes, and imprisonment as well," I said angrily. "Do you know that to give away the secret of a telegraph message is a criminal offense?"

"I didn't know, sir, till mother told me," cried the lad, "or I'd never have done it. But mother's very poor and we've just lost father, and I thought a sovereign would be very useful to her. You won't say anything to anybody, will you?"

"Well—no, I won't. But you need not go to the Grange now—not till to-morrow. The gentleman has gone to York. And give me back that telegram. I must go to the office to alter it and send it myself."

I saw that Garshore had, by a clever trick, learned the secret of Grann's name and hiding place. He might have already wired it to London!

The thought was alarming, therefore I hurried forward into the small vil-

lage, where at the little general shop at the corner by the church the telegraph office was established. From there I sent a hurried message of warning, urging Grann to change both name and abode immediately, and to advise me at once.

If Garshore had telegraphed he would not doubt have done so from York. And if he had sent a message to Scotland Yard, then already the people would be on their way to make the arrest.

Truly his vengeance had been a bitter—a scorching one!

I returned to the Grange hot and weary, wondering if my warning message would be in time to save my friend. Garshore's action convinced me of his unscrupulousness, and I intended when he returned from the flower show to explain what the telegraph messenger had told me.

But when the car swept up to the house just before 6 o'clock he was not among the party.

"Why?" I cried to my host, "where's Garshore?"

"Oh, it's most unfortunate," explained old Mr. Stapleton. "He called at the post office in York for a telegram he expected and found that he was summoned at once to London. He had just time to catch his train."

I stood astounded.

"Why had he left so suddenly? Was it in obedience to my demand; or was it in order to go to Colsterworth and identify to the police the man whom he had denounced as an assassin?"

#### CHAPTER XVII.

A Pair of Brown Eyes.

I took Myra aside almost immediately and explained to her some of the events of the afternoon.

I did not, however, tell her that Grann was the sender of the telegram, or that he was in hiding near Grantham. Neither did I admit that her lover was in England, but induced her to believe that Garshore, after leaving me that morning, had decided that absence from the Grange was the best course.

"At least, you've rid us of a very horrid person," the girl said, laughing. "Secretly I was delighted when he came back to the car and said he must go at once up to town. He asked us to send on his bag to the East Wing, Euston Hotel."

"He has said nothing further to your father?"

"Nothing that I'm aware of," she replied, as we stood together at one of the long open windows of the drawing room. "Only dad seems most grumpy. Twice to-day when I've mentioned Grann's name he's snapped me up."

"Ah! I'd like to know exactly what that scoundrel has said."

"The same as he has told me, no doubt."

"I must discover," I said, "and try and put matters right."

"I'm sure it's very sweet of you, Mr. Ralston," she cried in her girlish enthusiasm. "Few men have such a friend as you—or women either, as a matter of fact."

"Oh, please don't make me blush, Myra," I said laughingly. "As I've already told you, it's my duty to the dear old fellow. He'd do as much for me, and more. If we were placed in his position to-morrow, you don't know half his good qualities as I know them."

And our conversation was at that moment cut short by the entry of Miss Chambers, who began rather fustily to describe how Mr. Stapleton's gardener had again won first honors for his roses.

That evening the equire referred several times to Garshore's hurried departure. Across the dinner table, after the ladies had left, I learned that they had first met about three years before at the same hotel at Royat-les-Bains, the quaint little spa at Auvergne, where both were taking the cure. A friendship sprang up between them, which was renewed over a dinner at the Sports Club in London, of which Stapleton was a member. This was followed by an invitation to stay at the Grange, which was accepted.

Garshore furnished a house at Middlethorpe, outside York, and lived there for some little time. Myra, of course, being still away at school. Then he left York suddenly and went abroad.

"It's quite a long time since we last met," my host went on, his wineglass poised in his hand. "I've always found him a most excellent fellow. He's a member of White's and several other good clubs."

"Has he got chambers in town?" I inquired.

"Yes—Bolton street, 187."

This was a surprise to me. Why, if he had a home in London, did he stay at the Hotel Cecil? But I reflected that they might, of course, be let.

"He's pretty well off, I suppose?" I remarked casually, in order to test my host's opinion.

"Of course—very comfortably off, indeed. I should say, got sick of York society very quickly. He's a most charming man."

"Except that he's a liar," I said very bluntly.

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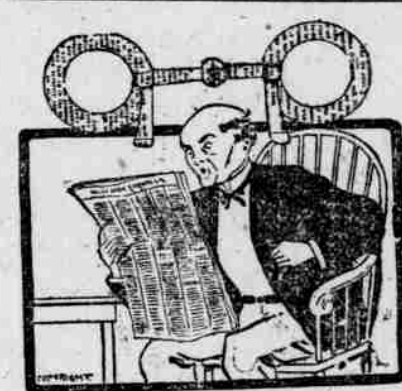
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